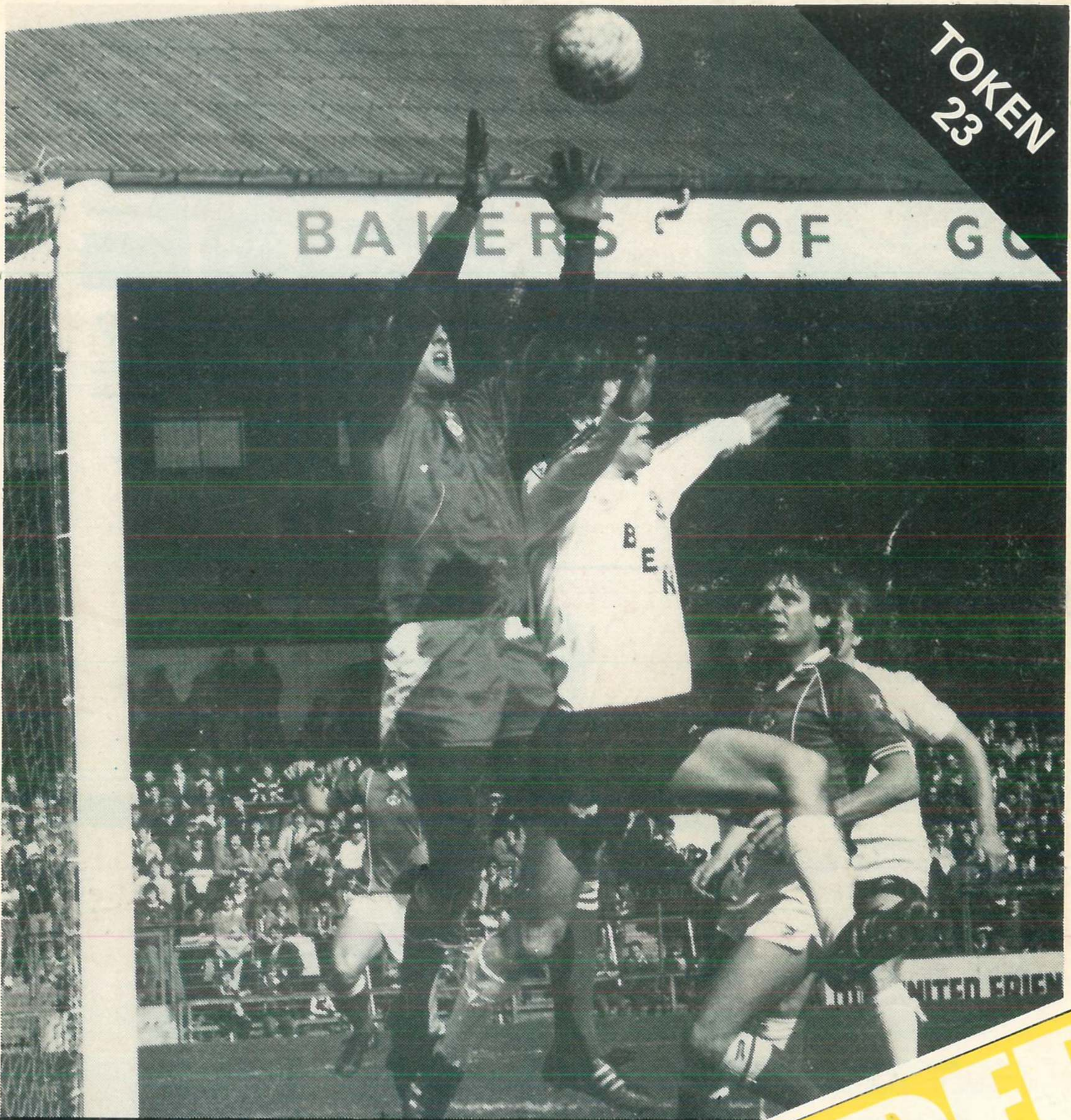


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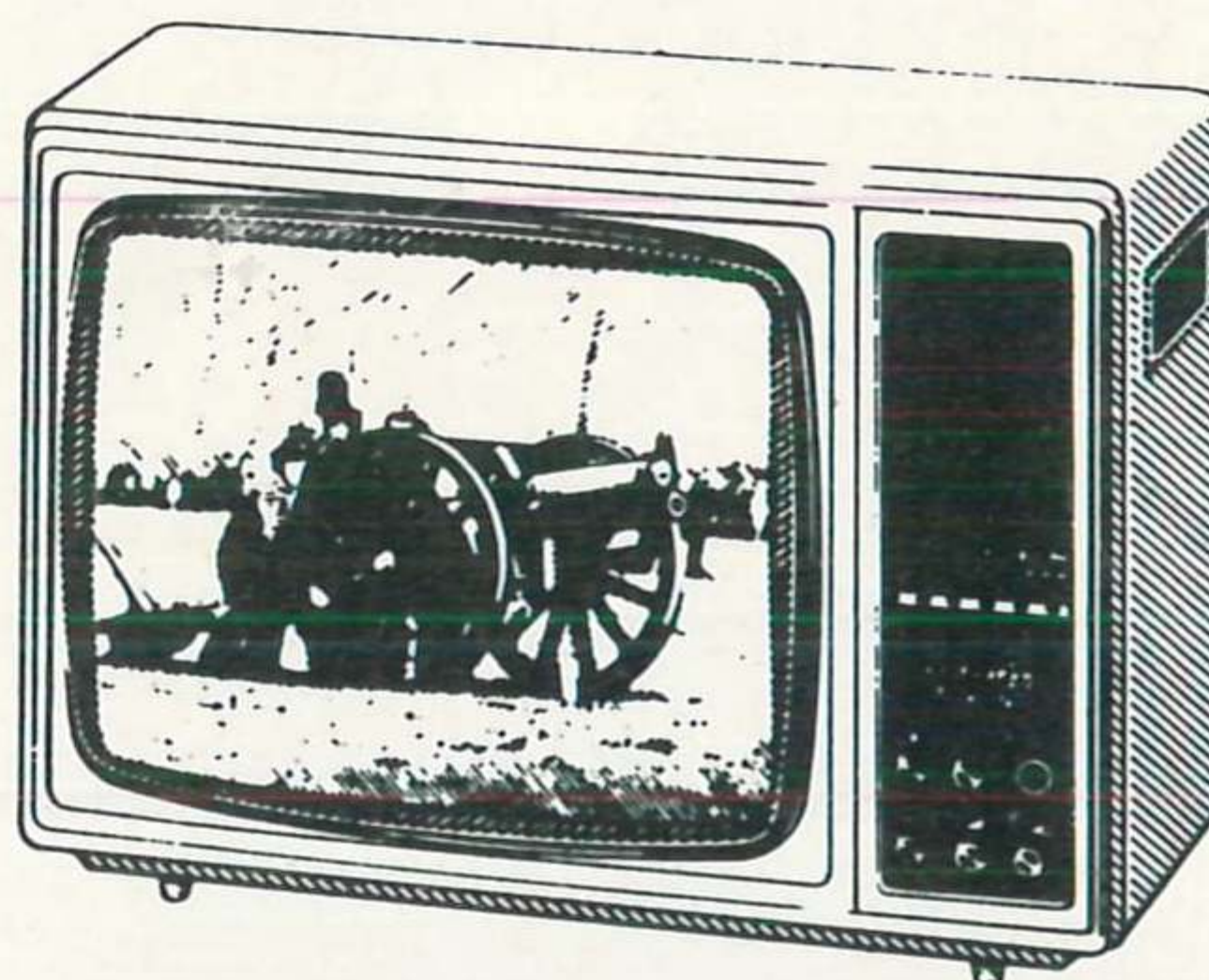
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George Mulhall writes

The jolt of that 7-1 defeat at Q.P.R. last Saturday seemed to have the desired effect on the team who produced a performance of complete contrast to beat Derby here on Tuesday night and leave us with everything to play for in today's crucial game.

But didn't Chris Thompson leave it late to get that winning goal!

I am not a very excitable person but when the ball hit the net I leapt from the dug-out and I have not done that since we won promotion at Blackburn in that now famous victory back in 1978.

I was asked after the game if I was always confident that we would get the winner and I had to admit that in the end I thought our chances had gone.

When you make it 3-2 and there is not even time for the ball to be centred and the game restarted you have to have someone up there on your side.

Because in these circumstances at 2-2 we were dead and

suddenly someone had thrown us a life-line.

Yet even at 2-2 I could not have faulted the team for commitment. After such an inept performance at Q.P.R. where I have to say as a Manager I was embarrassed, the players did everything I asked of them.

Because of our injury situation I needed Mike Doyle and Steve Whitworth to play although neither were 100% fit. They responded well.

And I think the team as a whole gave a performance particularly in the second half of character and spirit which I think they could repeat against Jack Charlton's lads today.

I do not have to tell you how important the game is to both clubs this afternoon — ourselves for safety sake while Wednesday need the points for promotion.

So I hope you will respond in the way I know you can to encourage us to get the 3 points I feel could keep us in Division 2.

I would like to thank you for your support throughout the season which has not offered us too much to smile about.

Time and again you have given us a timely boost and in thanking you for your efforts so far I hope you will keep the encouragement going right up to the final whistle today.

FRONT COVER: Wayne Foster challenges for this high cross in the Easter game against Wrexham here at Burnden Park.



BACK ROW: A. McCulloch, I. Mellor, D. Redfern, R. Bolder, B. Cox, J. Pearson, D. Grant.
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FRONT ROW: K. Taylor, G. Owen, T. Curren, B. Hornsby, A. Mirocevic, J. Charlton (Manager), D. Leman, C. Williamson, Paul Shirtliff, J. King (now Sheff Utd), G. Bannister.

VERY TIGHT FOR WEDNESDAY

By Tony Pullein

Sheffield Wednesday fans were worried that the Owls might have blown their promotion chances when they were slayed 4-0 at Watford a couple of weeks ago. With several clubs breathing down their necks for the third promotion place, Wednesday's players needed to show their character and prove they could cast aside such a morale-destroying experience at such a critical time.

Wednesday went very close last season, too. But at the time manager Jack Charlton brought everyone down to earth with the realistic comment "I don't think we're ready yet. We have an awful lot of learning still to be done here."

He was referring to the large number of young players he had introduced during his rebuilding process.

Well, now those players have another year's experience under their belts and they have proved themselves good enough to make another very serious bid for promotion. So will they make it this time?

Mr. Charlton's problems are a little different now. Whereas he may feel his current team is worthy of one of the top three places, he must have some reservations as to whether the Owls would be able to hold a First Division place if they manage to win it.

The bulk of his team has come through from the youth team over the past five years. Though the manager has added several players signed from

rival League clubs, Wednesday do lack a basis of First Division experience.

Winger Terry Curran and midfield man Ian Mellor have enjoyed several seasons at the top in the past. Ante Mirocevic is an experienced Yugoslav international. And recent signing Gary Shelton played First Division football with Aston Villa.

Yet any success this Wednesday side may achieve will be attributable in a very large degree to Mr. Charlton and his coaching staff.

Goalkeeper Bob Bolder, defenders Peter Shirtliff, Melvyn Sterland, Mark Smith and Charlie Williamson have all been drafted in over the past four seasons. In the middle there is Mike Pickering who had just over one season as a Southampton first-teamer.

There's a certain irony in the fact that, in midfield, experienced men like Mellor and Mirocevic no longer seem certain of a place!

Kevin Taylor has been playing here with Gary Megson, last summer's signing from Everton, and Terry Curran.

Up front Wednesday have the weight of Andy McCulloch but his two attacking colleagues, who have both been playing so well, are fairly new names to us.

Gary Bannister made just over 20 First Division appearances for Coventry over the past three seasons without quite establishing himself as a first-teamer. But, since signing for the Owls last summer, he has been in fabulous form and is now top scorer with 19 goals.

John Pearson scored in his first three League games last season and he has been given further experience this term.

When assessing Wednesday's prospects it is only proper to examine the situation in the context of what has happened to the club over the past dozen years.

For many years they were a successful First Division club with regular attendances of 30,000 plus. They won the League Championship four times and the F.A. Cup three times.

It was in 1970 that the Owls went into serious decline. They lost their First Division status and five years later they dropped into the Third Division for the first time in their history. In 1976 they avoided the drop into Division Four by only one point.

With attendances of only a fraction of what they had earlier been accustomed to, Wednesday were forced to take a long, hard look at themselves. More emphasis had to be placed on the club's youth scheme and less on the transfer market.

Now the club is beginning to benefit from this policy.

Jack Charlton came in as manager in October 1977 and from then there has been slow, but steady progress. Wednesday returned to the Second Division in 1980 and in recent weeks they have been contemplating a return to the First.

At least now there is hope for Wednesday. It may be more than half a century since they won the last of their four League Championships, and nearly as long since they won the F.A. Cup for the third time, but these historical facts can now be an incentive for the present Hillsborough regime to surge ahead to even greater triumphs in the future.

Sheffield was, of course, the birthplace of association football. The Wednesday, as the club was then known, was elected to the First Division of the Football League in 1892 and gained its first Championships in 1903 and 1904. They repeated that feat by topping the First Division in successive seasons again in 1929 and 1930.

Wednesday won the F.A. Cup in 1896, 1907 and 1935. They were poised to win it again in 1966 but they allowed a 2-0 lead to slip during the second-half and ended up 2-3 losers to Everton.

Though the club had several times slipped out of the First Division in the past, this period since 1970 is the longest that the club ever endured outside the top section.

BOB BOLDER (Goalkeeper). Bob is a giant of a goalkeeper who developed in the junior teams at Hillsborough. He made his League debut for the Owls in 1977 and is now their first choice in goal.

MELVYN STERLAND (Defender). Melvyn is another product of the junior teams. He made his League debut three seasons ago but most of his games were as substitute until taking a regular place last season.

MIKE PICKERING (Defender). Mike learned his game with Barnsley and quickly made one of the centre-back positions on his own after being introduced to their League team in 1975. Southampton paid £55,000 for him in 1977 and he spent one season at The Dell before moving on to Wednesday three years ago.

MARK SMITH (Defender). Mark earned his chance in Wednesday's League side in 1977/78 and has been a fixture at centre-back for over three

years now. His outstanding performances earned him four England under-21 caps last season.

PETER SHIRTLIFF (Defender). Peter served his apprenticeship with Wednesday and gained a trial for the England youth team in his earlier days. He made his League debut three seasons ago.

CHARLIE WILLIAMSON (Defender). Charlie was still an apprentice when introduced to the Owls' League eleven for three games in December 1979. He has been recalled to fill the left-back position this season.

RAY BLACKHALL (Defender). Ray served his apprenticeship with Newcastle and made 37 League appearances for the Magpies before moving to Sheffield Wednesday in 1978. He completed a centry of League outings with Wednesday this season.

GARY MEGSON (Midfield). Gary opened his career with Plymouth, making 78 League appearances for Argyle before being signed by Everton for £250,000 in 1979. He didn't have the best of luck at Goodison, though, and happily moved on to Hillsborough for £130,000 last summer.

KEVIN TAYLOR (Midfield). Kevin graduated from the junior teams to make his League bow in 1978/79. He is now approaching his 100th League game for the club.

ANTE MIROCEVIC (Midfield). Ante is a Yugoslav international who captained his country in the 1980 Moscow Olympic games. Wednesday paid a £200,000 club record fee to sign him last season.

GARY SHELTON (Midfield). Gary started his League career with Walsall in 1975/76 and Aston Villa paid £60,000 for him two seasons later. He made a couple of dozen League appearances for Villa and in 1979/80 he spent a loan period at Notts County. He initially joined Wednesday on loan just before this season's transfer deadline but the transfer has now been completed for £50,000.

IAN MELLOR (Midfield). Manchester City sold Ian to Norwich for £65,000 in 1973. Brighton paid a then club record £40,000 fee for him in 1974 and three years later they sold him to Chester for £20,000. Wednesday invested £60,000 in his transfer during the close-season.

TERRY CURRAN (Forward). Doncaster sold Terry to Nottingham Forest for £75,000 in 1975 and he later went to Derby (for £50,000) and Southampton (£70,000). After playing for the Saints in the 1979 League Cup final, Terry joined Wednesday for £100,000.

GARY BANNISTER (Forward). Gary is enjoying a phenomenal season and is the Owls' top scorer with 19 goals. He joined Wednesday from Coventry last summer. Though he made his bow for Coventry in 1978/79 he got only occasional first-team games with them.

ANDY McCULLOCH (Forward). Andy began his career with QPR and moved on to Cardiff in 1972. Further transfer took him to Oxford (£70,000) and Brentford (£25,000) before he joined Wednesday for £20,000 in 1979. He was top scorer with 18 goals last term.

JOHN PEARSON (Forward). John was introduced to Wednesday's League eleven last season while still scoring as an apprentice. His consistent goalscoring has earned him a regular place in recent weeks.

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Club Scene

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

By Simon Marland

Today's game with Sheffield Wednesday will be the 90th Football League meeting between the Clubs. To date the Wanderers have won 29 with the Owls having won 39.

Our first meeting took place in season 1892-93 in what was Wednesdays first season in the Football League. Both Clubs winning their respective home games. These meetings continued until 1904 when the Wanderers were relegated to the 2nd division. The unusual thing about this was that both the Wanderers and Wednesday were relegated in 1898-99 only to both be promoted the following season, Wednesday as champions.

Although both clubs have had brief spells in the 3rd division we have never faced each other lower than in the 2nd division. One such meeting most Wanderers fans will remember came in season 1974-75. Wednesday were winning 1-0 with only seconds remaining, the Wanderers had won a corner and Paul Jones headed the ball into the net only for the referee Jack Taylor to blow his whistle for full time before the ball had gone in.

Earlier this season the Wanderers won 1-0 in Sheffield with a Wayne Foster goal.

In the FA Cup we have been drawn together six times. In 1890 Wednesday won a semi-final at Perry Bar by 2-1. In 1892 Wednesday again won through by winning a first round tie twice! After the first defeat the Wanderers had claimed that the Sheffield ground was unfit and the FA ordered a replay.

The Wanderers won the 1894 semi-final at Fallowfield with Wednesday winning the 1896 semi-final in a replay. Wednesday also won the last two ties in 1900 and in 1954.

In the League Cup Wednesday won our only meeting by 2-0 in 1972 at Hillsborough.

Youth team go down in final

The Wanderers youth team went down 2-1 in the final of the Lancashire FA Youth Cup against Manchester City at Maine Road.

City, who fielded players with first division experience went ahead after half an hour through Andy Elliott and just about deserved their first half lead.

In the second half the Wanderers played the better football and City were guilty of committing a number of fouls and off the ball incidents.

Elliott got City's second goal after seven minutes of the second half. Then Andy May was sent off for retaliation after he had brought down Steve Saunders.

The Wanderers goal came after 66 minutes when, after a scramble in the goalmouth Saunders nudged the ball home.

Try as they might the equaliser they deserved would not come with the City goalkeeper John Blott saving them on a number of occasions.

Team: Farnworth, Fitzharris, Walsh, Joyce, Darby, Kay, Thompson, Saunders, Rudge, Hodgkinson, Redfearn, Subs not used. Booth, Phillips.

FLASHBACK

A look at what was happening to the Wanderers 10 years ago.

10th May 1972

The Wanderers completed their season with a 3-0 victory over Bradford City at Valley Parade. The goalscorers were Don McAlister, Stuart Lee and Ralph Wright before a crowd of 2,468. This victory gave the Wanderers a final position of 7th in the 3rd division League table with a record of played 46: won 17: drawn 16: lost 13: for 51: against 41: points 50. In fact only Aston Villa (who were promoted along with Brighton) and Bournemouth in 3rd place had a better defensive record. The teams that were relegated were Mansfield, Barnsley, Torquay and Bradford City.

The only ever-present was goalkeeper Charlie Wright and the leading League goalscorers were John Byrom and Roger Hunt with eleven each.

The reserves finished 17th with Derby County taking the Central League Championship.

RESERVE REPORT

Since the last reserve report two victories have been earned. 2-1 away at Bury and 3-0 at home to Liverpool. The home defeat of the current leaders proved to be the talking point of the month when a couple of goals from Mike Graham and one from Mike Carter gave the Wanderers the points.

Although only one more point has been earned in a 1-1 home draw with Sheffield United, four defeats by the odd goal have once again proved that their luck wasn't in. In the game at Preston goals from Saunders, Rudge and Graham looked enough to at least have earned a point but it wasn't to be and they went down 4-3. The other odd goal defeats coming away at Stoke and at Burnden against Burnley (both 0-1) and Sheffield Wednesday (2-3). Mike Graham being the scorer of both goals against Wednesday.

The remaining three games in this period all ended in defeat against West Brom (0-4), Manchester Utd (0-5) and Derby County (2-5).

Goalscorers to date

Carter (9) Langley (6) Saunders (6) Graham (5) Thompson (4) Nikolic (3) Mulligan (2) Rudge (2) Hoggan (2) S. Thompson, Ritson, Berry, McElhinney, Gratton, C. Thompson, Taylor. Own goal (1).

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Today sees the end of another Football Season at Burnden and whilst the results on the field have been disappointing the "Junior Whites" club has continued to have a great time.

Our last mascot of the season is DAVID CLIFT who comes all the way from Parbold and has his sister, Elizabeth, to thank for today for her letter to our club. Enjoy your summer.

Roy Cavanagh

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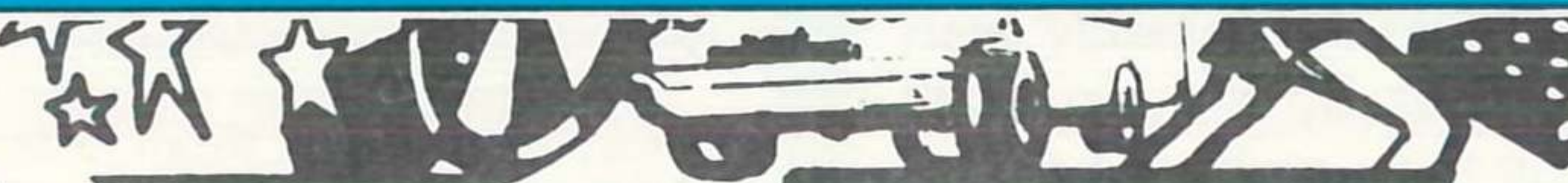
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THE GAME IN SPAIN

World Cup 1982 Handbook



By Colin Benson

The Greatest Show on Earth

THE WORLD CUP a colourful extravaganza of football a contest between nations every four years, for the most prized trophy in international football. It has come a long long way since 1930, when 13 countries contested the first series in Uruguay to fulfil the original aims of FIFA the world governing body.

And this summer in Spain 24 finalists will participate in the biggest footballing circus this century as the 12th World Soccer Championship series reaches its climax.

The competition itself is a mixture of the ideals of League and Cup. The teams are grouped into mini-leagues to first determine the lucky finalists and then to determine the last four in the Final series when the later stages are played on a straight knock-out system.

It had taken many years of discussion and deliberation before that first competition was eventually arranged and the final principles on which that first World Cup tournament would be run, were not formulated until the Congress meeting in Barcelona in May 1929.

At the time Italy, the Netherlands, Hungary, Spain, Sweden and Uruguay were all eager to stage the inaugural festivities. However when it was proposed that the organising national F.A. would be responsible for the transport and accommodation expenses of referees, members of the organising committee (FIFA) and the competing teams, their eagerness somewhat waned.

The financial implications of supporting all those people for up to ten weeks — for remember the contestants all had to travel by sea — was somewhat foreboding and in the end Uruguay the Olympic soccer champions of 1924 and 1928 were vested with the responsibility.

Although the entire financial burden was borne by the South American's the prospect of making such a long and hazardous journey frightened off even some of Europe's most ardent protagonists for the tournament, and in the clear light of day just Belgium, France, Rumania and Yugoslavia remained to make the trip to Montevideo.

They were joined by Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Paraguay, the U.S.A., and of course Uruguay the home nation which went on to win the competition, defeating Argentina in the final 4-2.

Despite the trepidation, that first series had turned out successfully, with four gates over the official maximum of 80,000. In every respect it had been a striking victory for the pioneers and those European contestants returned home with healthy bank balances.

Thirty-two nations entered the next tournament which was hosted by Italy, and a preliminary qualifying tournament was introduced. Although such countries as Haiti, Cuba, Egypt, Palestine, Estonia and Lithuania participated only Ireland represented the home countries and they were eliminated from the qualifying group by the Netherlands and Belgium.

Indeed the English F.A. took a singularly insular attitude towards the World Cup tournament and shunned it completely until 1950 when they agreed to enter the fourth series in Brazil.

Not surprisingly, we had lost touch

Only six countries have won the World Cup: Brazil three times, Italy, Uruguay and West Germany twice each and England and Argentina.

WORLD CUP FINALS 1930-78

Date	venue	winners	runners-up
1930	Uruguay	Uruguay 4	Argentina 2
1934	Italy	Italy 2	Czechoslovakia 1
1938	France	Italy 4	Hungary 2
*1950	Brazil	Uruguay	Brazil
1954	Switzerland	W. Germany 3	Hungary 2
1958	Sweden	Brazil 5	Sweden 2
1962	Chile	Brazil 3	Czechoslovakia 1
+ 1966	England	England 4	W. Germany 2
1970	Mexico	Brazil 4	Italy 1
1974	W. Germany	W. Germany 2	Holland 1
+ 1978	Argentina	Argentina 3	Holland 1

*Tournament concluded on a league basis — no final game
+ After extra-time

with the world game and England were soon cut down to size. Not as might have been feared by one of the South American powers but by the U.S.A. England had started with an uninspired 2-0 win over Chile and then travelled north to Belo Horizonte to meet the Americans. What transpired remains unexplainable, for England fielding such great names as Bert Williams, Alf Ramsey, Billy Wright, Tom Finney, Mannion, Mortensen and Mullen, were humiliated by a hotch-potch American side which went on to win 1-0.

England's entry into the World Cup had proved disastrous. We did reach the quarter-final stages in both 1954 and 1962 but it wasn't until the tournament was staged in England in 1966 that we made any real impression on the international game.

Then of course Alf Ramsey led England to victory and four years later made a very good attempt to retain the trophy in the rarified atmosphere of Mexico.

But it is to South America where you have to look for the real success story and in particular to Brazil, a country of seemingly unlimited natural resources. Surprisingly they failed to capitalise on home advantage in 1950, when a final pool was introduced to replace the knock-out system, and they finished a point behind Uruguay.

However since their emergence as a super power in 1958, the Brazilians have remained a dominant figure in world football winning the World Cup on no less than three occasions, in 1958, 1962 and 1970. Football is a universal language and the plain fact that FIFA has more member countries — 145 — than the United Nations, gives credence to the belief that the international game plays a major role in helping to maintain world peace.

Competition of the calibre of the World Cup helps unite nations. Football is a game which ignores race, religion and politics and as long as it can remain above such matters the World Cup will continue to be the greatest show on earth.



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1982 THE BIGGEST YET!

The World Cup trail which had kicked-off in the autumn of 1980, was finally resolved when New Zealand beat China 2-1 in a play-off match in Singapore, on January 10th 1982, to clinch the 24th and final vacancy in the biggest Final series ever promoted.

The qualifying rounds concluded, the next stage was the draw to determine the six groups constituting the initial rounds of this, the 12th World Cup competition. For months rumours abounded that Italy, West Germany, Brazil, England and Argentina, all former winners, would be seeded alongside the host nation Spain. There was no great scoop in the stories, for it had become the established formula of FIFA to adopt this criteria, but even so the suggestions prompted objections from one or two sources.

The area of complaint surrounded England's position and Belgium sent a strong letter of complaint to the organising committee, pointing out that their current form had been far superior to that of England's. They had it is true finished second in the European Championship in 1980, but in the latest UEFA table which was based on all the matches played in that competition plus those played in the World Cup qualifying rounds, Belgium were ranked only seventh to England's fifth placing. However none of these factors were even considered as the committee were only concerned with World Cup performances and there was no argument that Belgium's World Cup record was not nearly as good as that of England's.

So as the Draw unfolded in Madrid's Palace of Congress on the evening of Saturday January 16, there was no change to the FIFA policy and England remained seeded. Watched live by an estimated 500 million viewers on TV the proceedings did not match the big show-biz image intended by the organisers and in fact turned out to be little short of a shambles. There were no problems when the first name emerged, that of Belgium . . . but then it all went sadly wrong.

The Spaniards had devised a complicated system with small boys drawing out the respective teams from three big cage drums of the State Lottery. It was all designed to keep the seeded teams apart, but when the first poor boy went to cup one to draw Belgium's position instead of cup three, the whole system was thrown into disarray.

Scotland were next, and they were paired with Argentina before the mistakes became apparent and the balls were returned to their cages while soccer's top brass huddled in confused consultation before the draw was corrected.

Afterwards FIFA senior-vice-president, Harry Cavan from Ireland, said: "There's only one thing to say — what a cock-up! No matter how much you plan these things they can always go wrong — perhaps this one was a bit too mechanical."

When the dust of indignation had settled England found themselves in Group 4 with France, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait while Scotland had the ominous privilege of taking on Brazil, Russia and New Zealand, in Group 6. While Northern Ireland were paired with Spain, Honduras and Yugoslavia in Group 5.

Group 1 comprised of Italy, Poland, Peru and the Cameroon, while incredibly West Germany

and Austria found their paths crossing once again as they joined each other in Group 2. They were together of course in the qualifying rounds and have been drawn together in the 1984 European Championships as well. With them in Group 2 are Algeria, perhaps the best side from North Africa and Chile.

The realisation that Scotland have to face the firm favourites Brazil, together with Russia, who are widely tipped to be one of Europe's strongest contestants, persuaded observers to comment that England and Northern Ireland had fared fairly well. As it happens Czechoslovakia's track record over the past six years has been far more impressive than that of their Soviet neighbours and they offer a serious threat to England's progress.

It is also dangerous to write Kuwait off as makeweights, for they are by far the best of the third world contestants and could cause one or two surprises if taken too lightly.

One man who knows all too well about the pitfalls of international football, following his torturous path through the qualifying rounds, is England boss Ron Greenwood. His immediate reaction was understandably cautious as he exclaimed: "France and Czechoslovakia are formidable opponents. Josef Venglos the Czech manager is a very good friend of mine and I have the greatest respect for him and his team, it will be very tough. As for Kuwait we don't know anything about them except that they won their place quite easily, so it is a most interesting group."

"We play France and Czechoslovakia first which means that we have got to make sure that we do it in the first two games."

England skipper Kevin Keegan felt that the draw was as good as could have been expected but cautioned that they had already experienced problems in the qualifying rounds after everyone had predicted an easy passage to Spain.

Said Keegan: "My first reaction was that we have a hard game to start off with against France. We haven't got Kuwait first game so the adrenalin will be flowing and we will be really bubbling."

"The fact that we play Kuwait in the last game goes one better because if we need two points and to win by two or three goals or whatever, we have the weaker side last which gives us an extra bonus."

"But it is going to be very tight. We are all capable of beating each other apart from possibly Kuwait, and without wishing to write them off I think they will be at their best in the first game because that is usually when the weaker sides cause upsets."

"As for France and ourselves we are not that much different in style although there is enough to suggest that we are not exactly the same. We know quite a bit about Czechoslovakia who we played three years ago . . . so I'm quite pleased."

There were no smiles on Scotland manager Jock Stein's face however as he observed: "It couldn't have been harder. It started that way as well, when they gave us Argentina and then thought that wasn't hard enough. So they moved us over to Brazil. It is a very hard group for us, with Brazil the team I have fancied to win it for a long time, and Russia who are on the verge of something big. But still that is when we do our best."

Meanwhile Billy Bingham had Northern Ireland's programme all mapped out as he explains: "Yugoslavia are second seeds and we have got to beat them or at least draw with them because Spain open against Honduras and I expect them to win. We then play Yugoslavia who immediately take on Spain. I would expect Spain to beat them — I'm hoping they will. If they do, we play Honduras in the next match and can go ahead of Yugoslavia. If Spain also do not need an extra point they will then be relaxed against us in the last game and I would expect us to take something out of it."

He makes it sound so easy doesn't he but football very rarely follows logical steps. On the face of it West Germany and Austria would seem to have the easiest route to the second rounds, while Italy and Poland could make it from group 1, with Argentina and Belgium from group 3 and Spain and Yugoslavia from group 5.

In group 4, Kuwait might decide which of England, France and the Czechs join the party, while Scotland could edge out Russia to join Brazil in the last twelve.

With 24 teams competing in the Finals for the very first time the competition will be hard and strenuous although to reach the Final the participants will still only have to complete six matches as in previous tournaments.

The mechanics require the top two teams from each of the six original groups to progress to the second round, which will consist of four leagues of three teams each. The winners of these four groups will then meet in the semi-finals.

Group A in the second series will be made up of the teams first in groups 1 and 3, plus the second team from group 6.

Group B will consist of the first teams from groups 2 and 4 with the second placed team in group 5.

Group C will include the top team from group 6 together with the runners-up from groups 1 and 3.

Group D has the winners from group 5 together with the runners-up from groups 2 and 4.

The four winners from these groups will then constitute the semi-finalists which will be: The winners of group A against the winners of group C, and the winners of B v D.

The first match between the holders Argentina and Belgium kicks-off at 7.00 p.m., in Barcelona on Sunday June 13th and the Final will be staged in Madrid on July 11.

In the meantime the race to galvanise and blend the best possible combinations of players is on. By May 3rd competing countries have to register their last 40 players and by June 5th that list has to be whittled down to the final 22.

For some managers that task is monumental, for others, like the Cameroon who trimmed their squad to 18 last February in order to cut costs, it is an academic exercise. The Spanish authorities have spent £34 million refurbishing the seventeen stadiums to be used. The stage is set for the greatest sporting occasion in the soccer calendar.

There will be problems there always is when different cultures meet on the same stage. The South American and Latin American managers held their own summit meeting to discuss how they would handle the European game, last March, but in the end football will be the winner . . . it always is in the World Cup.



The Road to Spain The Road

ESPAÑA 82

Group 1

Results Finland 0, Bulgaria 2 — Albania 2, Finland 0 — Finland 0, Austria 2 — Bulgaria 2, Albania 1 — Austria 5, Albania 0 — Bulgaria 1, West Germany 3 — Albania 0, Austria 1 — Albania 0, West Germany 2 — West Germany 2, Austria 0 — Bulgaria 4, Finland 0 — Finland 0, West Germany 4 — Austria 2, Bulgaria 0 — Austria 5, Finland 1 — Finland 2, Albania 1 — West Germany 7, Finland 1 — Austria 1, West Germany 3 — Albania 0, Bulgaria 2 — Bulgaria 0, Austria 0 — West Germany 8, Albania 0 — West Germany 4, Bulgaria 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. GERMANY	8	8	0	0	33	3	16
Austria	8	5	1	2	16	6	11
Bulgaria	8	4	1	3	11	10	9
Albania	8	1	0	7	4	22	2
Finland	8	1	0	7	4	27	2

WEST GERMANY, AUSTRIA QUALIFY

Group 2

Results Cyprus 2, Rep. Ireland 3 — Rep. Ireland 2, Holland 1 — Cyprus 0, France 7 — Rep. Ireland 1, Belgium 1 — France 2, Rep. Ireland 0 — Belgium 1, Holland 0 — Rep. Ireland 6, Cyprus 0 — Cyprus 0, Belgium 2 — Belgium 3, Cyprus 2 — Holland 3, Cyprus 0 — Holland 1, France 0 — Belgium 1, Rep. Ireland 0 — France 3, Belgium 2 — Cyprus 0, Holland 1 — Holland 2, Rep. Ireland 2 — Belgium 2, France 0 — Holland 3, Belgium 0 — Rep. Ireland 3, France 2 — France 2, Holland 0 — France 4, Cyprus 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BELGIUM	8	5	1	2	12	9	11
France	8	5	0	3	20	8	10
Rep. Ireland	8	4	2	2	17	11	10
Holland	8	4	1	3	11	7	9
Cyprus	8	0	0	8	4	29	0

BELGIUM, FRANCE QUALIFY

Group 3

Results Iceland 0, Wales 4 — Iceland 1, Russia 2 — Turkey 1, Iceland 3 — Russia 5, Iceland 0 — Wales 4, Turkey 0 — Wales 1, Czechoslovakia 0 — Czechoslovakia 2, Turkey 0 — Turkey 0, Wales 1 — Turkey 0, Czechoslovakia 3 — Czechoslovakia 6, Iceland 1 — Wales 0, Russia 0 — Iceland 2, Turkey 0 — Czechoslovakia 2, Wales 0 — Russia 4, Turkey 0 — Iceland 1, Czechoslovakia 1 — Turkey 0, Russia 3 — Wales 2, Iceland 2 — Russia 2, Czechoslovakia 0 — Russia 3, Wales 0 — Czechoslovakia 1, Russia 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RUSSIA	8	6	2	0	20	2	14
Czechoslovakia	8	4	2	2	15	6	10
Wales	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Iceland	8	2	2	4	10	21	6
Turkey	8	0	0	8	1	22	0

RUSSIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA QUALIFY

Group 4

Results: England 4, Norway 0 — Norway 1, Rumania 1 — Rumania 2, England 1 — Switzerland 1, Norway 2 — England 2, Switzerland 1 — Switzerland 2, Hungary 2 — England 0, Rumania 0 — Hungary 1, Rumania 0 — Norway 1, Hungary 2 — Switzerland 2, England 1 — Hungary 1, England 3 — Rumania 1, Norway 0 — Norway 1, Switzerland 1 — Norway 2, England 1 — Rumania 0, Hungary 0 — Rumania 1, Switzerland 2 — Hungary 3, Switzerland 0 — Hungary 4, Norway 1 — Switzerland 0, Rumania 0 — England 1, Hungary 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HUNGARY	8	4	2	2	13	8	10
England	8	4	1	3	13	8	9
Rumania	8	2	4	2	5	5	8
Switzerland	8	2	3	3	9	12	7
Norway	8	2	2	4	8	15	6

HUNGARY, ENGLAND QUALIFY

Group 5

Results Luxembourg 0, Yugoslavia 5 — Yugoslavia 2, Denmark 1 — Luxembourg 0, Italy 2 — Denmark 0, Greece 1 — Italy 2, Denmark 4, Luxembourg 0 — Greece 0, Italy 2 — Greece 2, Luxembourg 0 — Luxembourg 0, Greece 2 — Yugoslavia 5, Greece 1 — Luxembourg 1, Denmark 2 — Denmark 3, Italy 1 — Denmark 1, Yugoslavia 2 — Greece 2, Denmark 3 — Yugoslavia 1, Italy 1 — Italy 1, Greece 1 — Yugoslavia 5, Luxembourg 0 — Greece 1, Yugoslavia 2 — Italy 1, Luxembourg 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
YUGOSLAVIA	8	6	1	1	22	7	13
Italy	8	5	2	1	12	5	12
Denmark	8	4	0	4	14	11	8
Greece	8	3	1	4	10	13	7
Luxembourg	8	0	0	8	1	23	0

YUGOSLAVIA, ITALY QUALIFY

Group 6

Results: Israel 0, N. Ireland 0 — Sweden 1, Israel 1 — Sweden 0, Scotland 1, N. Ireland 3, Sweden 0 — Scotland 0, Portugal 0 — Israel 0, Sweden 0 — Portugal 1, N. Ireland 0 — Portugal 3, Israel 0 — Israel 0, Scotland 1 — Scotland 1, N. Ireland 1 — Scotland 3, Israel 1 — N. Ireland 1, Portugal 0 — Scotland 2, Sweden 0 — Portugal 1, Sweden 2 — N. Ireland 0, Scotland 0 — Israel 4, Portugal 1 — N. Ireland 1, Israel 0 — Portugal 2, Scotland 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SCOTLAND	8	4	3	1	9	4	11
N. Ireland	8	3	3	2	6	3	9
Sweden	8	3	2	3	7	8	8
Portugal	8	3	1	4	8	11	7
Israel	8	1	3	4	6	10	5

SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND QUALIFY

Group 7

Results: Malta 0, Poland 2 — Malta 1, E. Germany 2 — Poland 1, E. Germany 0 — E. Germany 2, Poland 3 — E. Germany 5, Malta 1 — Poland 6, Malta 0.

P W D L F A Pts

POLAND	4	4	0	0	12	2	8
E. Germany	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Malta	4	0	0	4	2	15	0

POLAND QUALIFY

AFRICA

1st round results: (two-leg knock-out formula) — Zambia bt Ethiopia 0-0, 4-0 — Algeria bt Sierra Leone 2-2, 3-1 — Nigeria bt Tunisia 0-2, 2-0 (4-3 pens) — Madagascar walk-over v Uganda — Morocco bt Senegal 1-0, 0-0 — Zaire bt Mozambique 5-2, 2-1 — Cameroon bt Malawi 3-0, 1-1 — Guinea bt Lesotho 3-1, 1-1 — Libya bt Gambia 2-1, 0-0 — Niger bt Somalia 0-0, 1-0 — Egypt walk-over v Ghana — Tanzania bt Kenya 1-3, 5-0.

2nd round (two-leg knock-out formula) — Egypt walkover v Libya — Algeria bt Sudan 2-0, 1-1 — Niger bt Togo 0-1, 2-1 (on away goals) — Guinea bt Liberia 1-1, 1-0 — Cameroon bt Zimbabwe 2-0, 0-1 — Morocco bt Zambia 2-0, 0-2 (7-6 pens) — Nigeria bt Tanzania 1-1, 2-0 — Zaire bt Madagascar 1-1, 3-2.

3rd round: Algeria bt Niger 4-0, 0-1 — Nigeria bt Guinea 1-1, 1-0 — Morocco bt Egypt 1-0, 0-0 — Cameroon bt Zaire 0-1, 6-1.

4th round: Algeria bt Nigeria 2-0, 2-1 — Cameroon bt Morocco 2-0, 2-1.

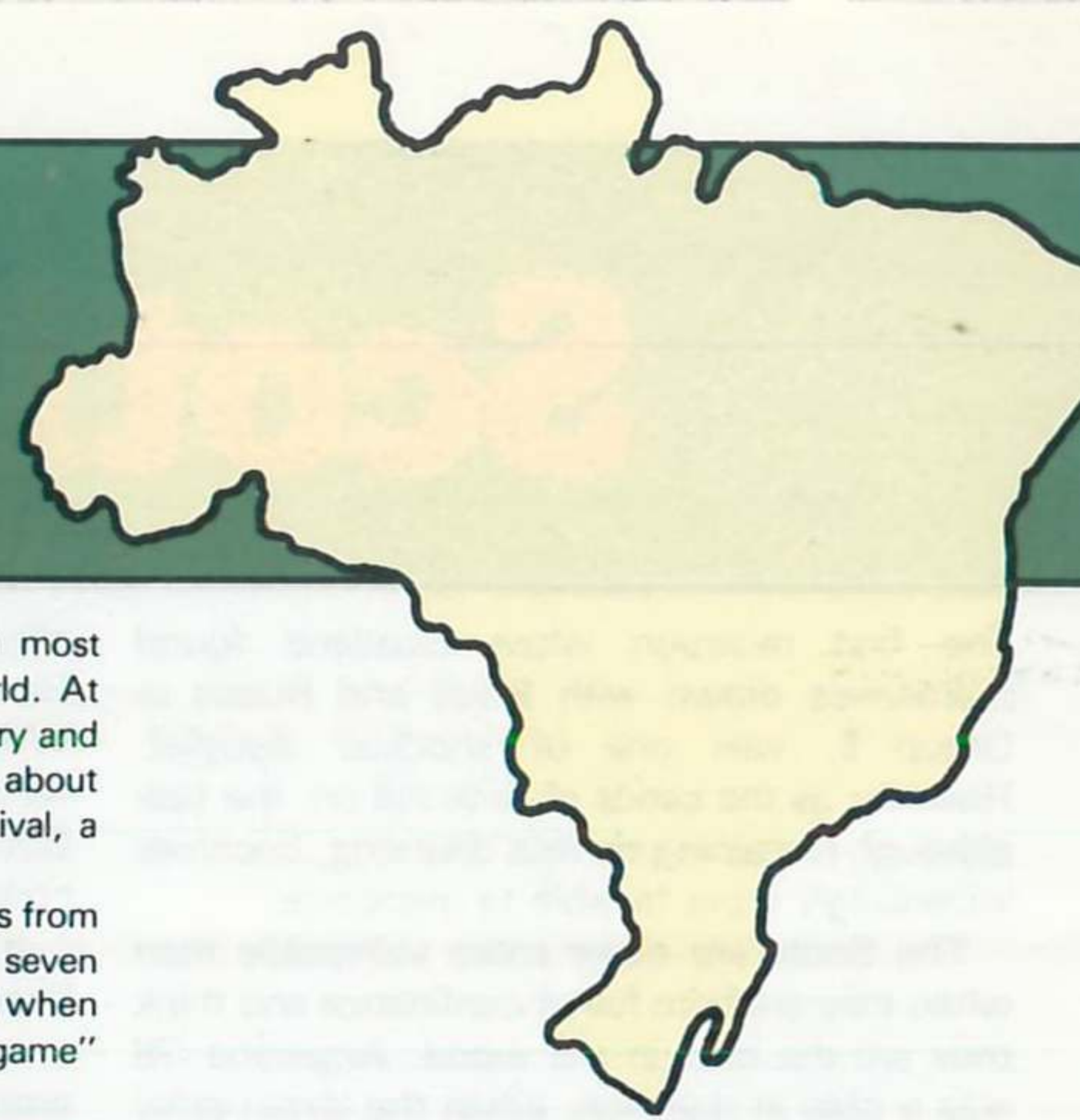
ALGERIA, CAMEROON QUALIFY

ASIA AND OCEANIA

Group 1: New Zealand 3, Australia 3 — Fiji 0, N. Zealand 4 — Taiwan 0, N. Zealand 0 — Indonesia 0, N. Zealand 2 — Australia 0, N. Zealand 2 — Australia 2, Indonesia 0 — N. Zealand 5, Indonesia 0 — N. Zealand 2, Taiwan 0 — Fiji 0, Indonesia 0 — Fiji 2, Taiwan 1 — Australia 3, Taiwan 2 — Indonesia 1, Taiwan 0 — Taiwan 2, Indonesia

The Draw is completed





Brazil still have one or two very accomplished players. In Junior, who is 28 in June, they have arguably the best attacking left back in the world today. A former midfielder, he has lost none of his silky grace and has scored many decisive goals, such as those against West Germany, in recent years.

Another name to keep an eye out for is central defender Luisinho (23), who has earned a good reputation back home. However he is very weak in the air and is not a natural jumper, so much will depend on 28 year old Oscar who is the anchor man at the back. Again he is not commanding in the air and this could be exploited by teams such as Scotland, but then when you have an attack as good as Brazil's who needs defenders.

Brazilian's by nature and tradition are the most technically accomplished footballers in the world. At their best they are a devastating mixture of poetry and explosive genius. There is nothing reserved about Brazilian football... it is a religion, a sacred festival, a reason to live and sometimes to die.

That is why their football is so pulsating, it ebbs from the heart. At times Brazil will throw as many as seven players into attack in breath-taking fashion and when they do that, Pele's description of "the beautiful game" becomes vividly apparent.

If Brazil can maintain that same attitude in the World Cup and play football as it is supposed to be played, like a symphony with the feet, then that Samba rythm of the drums will be leading the celebrations on July 11th.



HOW THEY GOT THERE

South America Group I

Opponents	F	A	scorers
Venezuela	1	0	Zico (pen)
Bolivia	2	1	Socrates, Reynaldo
BOLIVIA	3	1	Zico 3 — 1 pen
VENEZUELA	5	0	Tita 2, Socrates, Zico (pen), Junior

THE MAN IN CHARGE

Incredibly Tele Santana the 50 year old chief of Brazil, became the first full-time national team manager when he was appointed in January 1980.

A right winger with Fluminense, he played three times for Brazil in the mid-1950s, and then joined the coaching staff in 1965 and later became manager of the Fluminense club. After a row he moved to Atletico Mineiro and took them to the Championship... He then coached Botafogo, Gremio and Palmiras before taking up his present position.

Who does he fear the most in Spain? "It is very difficult to assess," he says. "Some teams which have not done so well and just scraped into the finals could come good... that is football, teams change.

"I am satisfied that my squad is the strongest we can put together at the moment, but it is possible that there will be last minute changes. In Brazil there is always the possibility of another two or three brilliant players emerging overnight."

ZICO THE BEST

England's Bryan Robson has no hesitation in naming Zico as the most impressive player he has encountered in the international arena. Enthuses the Manchester United defender: "Zico is something special. He never gives the ball away and that is the sign of a really good player. And he is not just impressive going forward he works back and tracks people as well. He got one chance against us at Wembley and stuck it away... perfect.

"The Brazilians are very difficult to tie down. They drop back deep and leave the space for other runners coming from behind. Sometimes they go that deep that you are not sure whether to track in with them or pick up the runner who is going past, so they are continually posing problems."

Scotland



The first re-action when Scotland found themselves drawn with Brazil and Russia in Group 6, was one of shocked disbelief. However as the sands of time roll on, the task although remaining no less daunting, becomes increasingly more feasible to overcome.

The Scots are never more vulnerable than when they are brim full of confidence and think they are the best in the world. Argentina '78 was a case in question, when the tartan army left for South America to a deafening fanfare and returned a few weeks later the laughing stock of world football.

Jock Stein, the realist manager now at the helm, will not let the mistakes of that circus haunt him or his players as he prepares for Spain. Encouraged by his sides performances in warm-up matches this year against Spain and Holland, he says: "We feel that Scotland on their day can match the best in the world."

The Scotland boss has no illusions however and continues: "Obviously our group looks very difficult. Brazil are one of my favourites — they have been for a long while — and Russia are improving all the time and must be one of



Kenny Dalglish — Scotland will look to his experience.

the fancied representatives from Europe to take the title. So on paper it looks very foreboding . . . But the game isn't played on paper it is played on grass and anything can happen!"

With the abundance of talent at his disposal Mr. Stein can be quietly confident of the outcome. His main problem is not finding the right calibre of player but fusing the right blend together.

The defence more or less seems fairly settled with Celtic captain Danny McGrain leading his country from right-back position and Leeds United's Frank Gray, prompting assaults from left-back. They have two constructive and

effective central defenders in Liverpool's Alan Hansen and Aberdeen's Alex McLeish, with Willie Miller, also from Pittodrie, and the versatile Ray Stewart from West Ham and David Narey from Dundee United providing cover for both defence and midfield.

It could be that Jock Stein's biggest headache will be formulating the best midfield combination. Graeme Souness is enjoying a wonderful season with Liverpool but it is not always easy finding players who can knit in with his game. John Wark of Ipswich, in particular, has found it difficult to adjust, for like Souness he is at his best in the middle of the field where his immaculately timed late runs can prove devastating in the box.

There is also a question mark hanging over Asa Hartford who is now 31. At his best he is world class, but he has experienced an in and out season with Manchester City and he could find his left-sided midfield berth going to Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan (22), or even to Celtic's impressive Tommy Burns.

Wingers are the key to international football at the moment and in John Robertson (Nottingham Forest), Scotland have one of the best. He like Celtic's David Provan — who plays on the right flank, can unlock the door of any defence and provide the kind of service strikers dream of.

Kenny Dalglish, currently his countries most capped player, is a certainty, but Joe Jordan who is experiencing an unhappy time with AC Milan and Andy Gray who is having a similar spell with Wolves, could find Dundee United's Paul Sturrock or Alan Brazil filling their shirts. The Ipswich man in particular is in blistering form and like Tottenham's Steve Archibald, could edge out one of the more established names.

In truth then there is an abundance of talent waiting to take on the might of Brazil — who remember Scotland held in the '74 World Cup, and Russia. Jock Stein has deliberately kept his preparations low key as he approaches the final stages with games against Northern Ireland, Wales and England. "We are not keeping the players together after the England game as they did before the last World Cup," he says. "We will let them have a few days break and then it is off to Malaga for seven days acclimatisation."

While there Scotland will play two games against Third Division club sides. Stein explains with a big grin: "Our first game is always our worst and I hope these matches will help us get it out of our system. Our preparation in Portugal will be used to assess the condition of the players, to see who are jaded and who need lifting."

Scotland qualified with reasonable ease, losing only once in Portugal, when they had already booked their ticket to Spain. Under Jock Stein they will be as well prepared as most and providing he can maintain the present attitude in the camp, this talented side could upset the odds.

HOW THEY GOT THERE

European Group 6

Opponents	F	A	scorers
Sweden	1	0	Strachan
PORTUGAL	0	0	
Israel	1	0	Dalglish
N. IRELAND	1	1	Wark
ISRAEL	3	1	Robertson (2 pens), Provan
SWEDEN	2	0	Jordan, Robertson (pen)
N. Ireland	0	0	
Portugal	1	2	Sturrock

THE MAN IN CHARGE

JOCK STEIN became a legend in Scotland when he steered Celtic to victory in the European Cup in 1967. In the 1950s he had starred for the club as a centre-half and then went on to manage Dunfermline and Hibernian before returning to Park Head in 1965. After a motoring accident he had a brief spell with Leeds before resigning to take over the national team in the autumn of 1978.

Now 59, Stein says: "Every manager in England has a World Cup every week — their jobs are on the line every Saturday — my World Cup comes every four years."

FACT SHEET WORLD CUP FINALS RECORD SWITZERLAND 1954

Pool 3: Austria 1, Scotland 0; Uruguay 7, Scotland 0.

SWEDEN 1958

Pool 2: Yugoslavia 1, Scotland 1; Paraguay 3, Scotland 2; France 2, Scotland 1.

WEST GERMANY 1974

Pool 2: Zaire 0, Scotland 2; Scotland 0, Brazil 0; Scotland 1, Yugoslavia 1.

ARGENTINA 1978

Group 4: Peru 3, Scotland 1; Scotland 1, Iran 1; Holland 2, Scotland 3.

SUMMARY

P	W	D	L	F	A
11	2	4	5	12	21

New Zealand

The climax of a soccer revolution was realised on January 10th, when New Zealand clawed their way into the World Cup Finals for the very first time in their history, on the back of a 2-1 play-off victory over China.

So ended one of the longest roads to Spain, a trail which had taken in a record 15 qualifying matches and covered 55,000 miles. And on the way the Kiwis had written themselves into the history books with a World Cup record score of 13-0 over luckless Fiji.

"Getting to the finals was an impossible dream," remarked their Scots-born chairman Charles Dempsey, who realises that this achievement could cement the 'Association' game in this soccer outpost.

The success of their football team has suddenly made the traditionally rugby-crazed nation sit up and take notice of what has become the fastest growing sport in the country, and as New Zealand's band of battling part-timers prepare to venture into the unknown realms of a World Cup Final series, the game has at last earned credibility with its public.

Yes soccer has well and truly arrived thanks to the British connection. It started in 1970 with the arrival of Barry Truman from England. He set up coaching clinics and trained coaches to go out and spread the Gospel. The whole thing was extenuated with the formation of a national league consisting of twelve teams and that went a long way to stimulating public interest.

The arrival of the "Big Match" on Kiwi TV also helped to promote the sport but there is nothing that stirs a New Zealander's heart more than sporting success at international level, and when the Kiwis recorded their first ever win over Australia (1-0), in June 1979, soccer was on the map.

That success had been engineered by a Lancashire lad from Fleetwood, John Adshead, who had been John Newman's assistant at Exeter City before his arrival as New Zealand's National Coach at the beginning of 1979. He had come via Australia to become the North Island's Director of Coaching and then enjoyed a successful term in charge of Auckland National League club Manurewa before his appointment.

The teams top players were mainly ex-patriots from the U.K., but following the introduction of legislation prohibiting short stay players from receiving outside employment in 1976, there emerged a nucleus of home grown talent which has now come to the fore.

Adshead brought his squad on a world tour in the autumn of 1979, playing in Kuwait, Bahrain and the British Isles. They won only two of their ten fixtures, but the experience was invaluable and although they lost 5-0 at Norwich and 8-1 in Dundee, only an own goal cost them the game against Ipswich.

"We did well defensively and learned a lot about that side of the game" said Adshead. "We get men behind the ball well and make it difficult for teams to score, but some of the players still have a tendency to be thinking too much about this side of the game, even when we are in possession. We have got to persuade them to commit themselves more to attack when they have got the ball."

During the qualifying matches New Zealand scored 44 goals but they had to withstand many a scare before earning that final place. In their opening game against the Socceroos, Australia held them 3-3 in Auckland, and looked set to dampen Kiwi hopes. But a fine 2-0 away win shattered Australia's aspirations and put New Zealand top of their sub-group and into the eliminators with China, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Again the Kiwis were rocked when they lost 2-1 at home to Kuwait in front of a 35,000 record crowd. Another vital point was lost in a 2-2 draw with Saudi Arabia leaving them the ominous task of needing three points from the corresponding away fixtures.

Only a last minute goal by the Kuwaitis robbed them of victory in the first game. New Zealand then needed to beat Saudi Arabia by six goals to qualify with Kuwait, at the expense of China. In a sensational game in Riyadh they led 5-0 at the interval but could not add to that score after the break. They were dead level with China and all was set for the final reckoning in Singapore.

Now their collection of Brits and home grown youngsters are showing their paces with encouraging performances against the likes of Hungary who they lost narrowly to twice (0-1 and 1-2). Led by Steve Sumner their 25 year old captain who was cast out by first Blackpool and then Preston, the team has just about the right balance of experience and youth.

Midfielder Brian Turner is the most experienced international with over 70 caps. He came over here to play for Chelsea and Brentford and did very well in League football. He has formed a good understanding with Sumner (25) and 22 year old Duncan Cole. At the back Richard Wilson (24), who played with Feyenoord (Holland) in '78, has taken over in goal with Dods the only newcomer in a back-four including Ricky Herbert (21), who came on trial with Southampton this season, Bobby Almond (28) and Adrian Elrick (28).

Youngsters Steve Woodin and Wynton Rufer, who Norwich City wanted to sign, spearhead the new look attack, with Glen Adam and Boath and Simonson also featuring strongly in the squad.

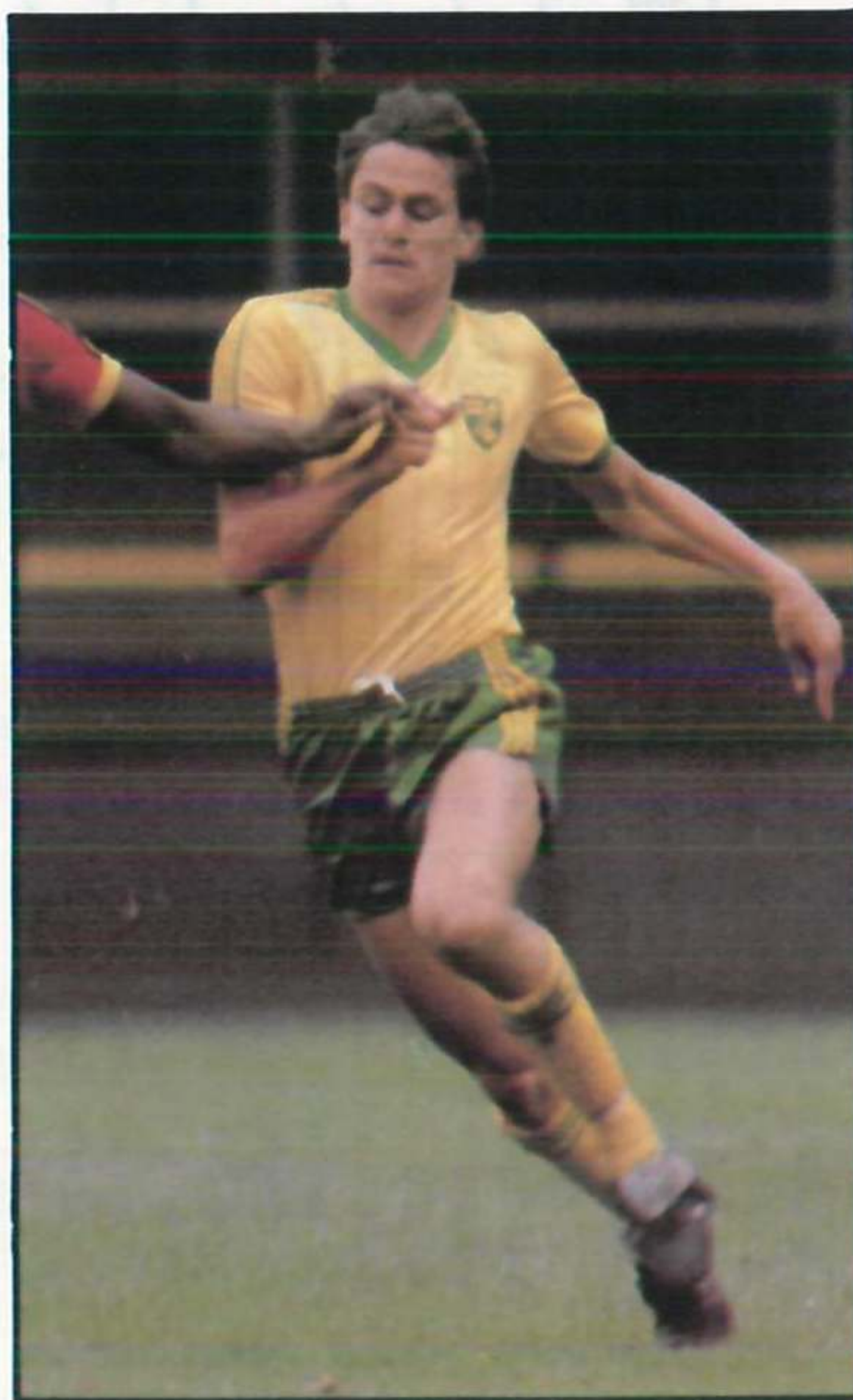
Adshead proclaims: "I have a lot of faith in New Zealand football. It is a most exciting job because you can see it develop almost weekly and we now have a very good side." Their opponents can certainly expect a hard dour battle against these battling Kiwis. It has cost their hard-up FA £500,000 to get them there and they won't go down without a fight.

RECORD BREAKERS

August 15, 1981. New Zealand thrashed Fiji 13-0 in Auckland to establish a new World Cup record score, beating the previous best when West Germany defeated Cyprus 12-0 in 1969. The hero of the hour was Steve Sumner who lead the charge with six goals, to thrill the 18,000 crowd. The Kiwi's were 7-0 up at half-time. Brian Turner and Grant Turner scored two each and the other goals came from Cole, Mackay and Woodin. Team: Wilson: Hill (Bright 61), Herbert; Almond, Elrick; Maclay, Sumner, Cole, Grant Turner (Boath 46), Brian Turner, Woodin.

WATCH OUT SCOTLAND

That is the clear message from former Norwich City striker Wynton Rufer (pictured) who was prevented from pursuing his career in the Football League due to government red tape. The lad who blasted the winner against China says: "After playing so well against Hungary in both games, which we could have won, we must be optimistic about our chances. Certainly no one can take us lightly. This team has been together for 18 months and is looking good. We are similar in style to England as you would probably expect with half the side coming originally from Britain anyway. Heart, bravery and fighting spirit that's what we have got... just the ingredients to upset the bigger fish!"



HOW THEY GOT THERE

Oceania Group I

	F	A
AUSTRALIA	3	3
Fiji	4	0
Taiwan	0	0
Australia	2	0
Indonesia	2	0
INDONESIA	5	0
TAIWAN	2	0
FIJI	13	0

ASIA/OCEANIA PLAY-OFF GROUP

Opponents	F	A	scorers
China	0	0	
CHINA	1	0	Herbert
KUWAIT	1	2	Woodin
SAUDI ARABIA	2	2	McClure (pen), Herbert
Kuwait	2	2	Sumner, Rufer
Saudi Arabia	5	0	Rufer 2, B. Turner 2, Woodin
* China	2	1	Woodin, Rufer

* Play-off decider in Singapore

THE MAN IN CHARGE



JOHN ADSHEAD, a 39 year old Englishman from Fleetwood, represents the new breed of professionalism that has lifted Kiwi football onto the international platform. Adshead who took up coaching when his career in the Lancashire Combination

was cut short by injury at the age of 23, is the driving force behind the New Zealand team. He learned his trade as coach to Exeter City between 1968-70 and then moved to Western Australia, where he coached for five years.

The next stop was New Zealand, where in 1978 he was appointed as National Team Coach. The first contract was for two years, and he ensured his future by winning his first six internationals without conceding a goal.

Helping organise his collection of salesman, clerks, panel beaters and carpenters will be Kevin Fallon, the former Rotherham and Southend player who emigrated in 1978.

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THE 1982 WORLD CUP FINALS

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BOLTON RECORD

Part 66
Season 1964/65

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division Two	Home	Away
Bury	0-1	1-2
Cardiff	1-0	3-1
Charlton	1-1	3-1
Coventry	1-3	0-0
Crystal Palace	3-0	0-2
Derby	3-1	3-2
Huddersfield	1-0	1-1
Ipswich	0-0	4-1
Leyton Orient	0-0	1-3
Manchester City	4-0	4-2
Middlesbrough	4-2	2-5
Newcastle	1-1	0-2
Northampton	0-0	0-4
Norwich	5-2	2-3
Plymouth	6-1	3-1
Portsmouth	3-2	0-3
Preston	5-1	2-2
Rotherham	2-0	0-0
Southampton	3-0	2-3
Swansea	2-1	0-2
Swindon	1-1	3-1

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3—	Workington (h)	4-1
4—	Preston (a)	2-1
5—	Liverpool (h)	0-1

LEAGUE CUP

Rd. 2—	Blackburn (h)	1-5
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LEAGUE SCORERS

Lee	23	Davies	21
Hill	15	Bromley	7
Taylor	5	Butler	2
Fry	1	Hatton	1
Rimmer	1	Opponents	4

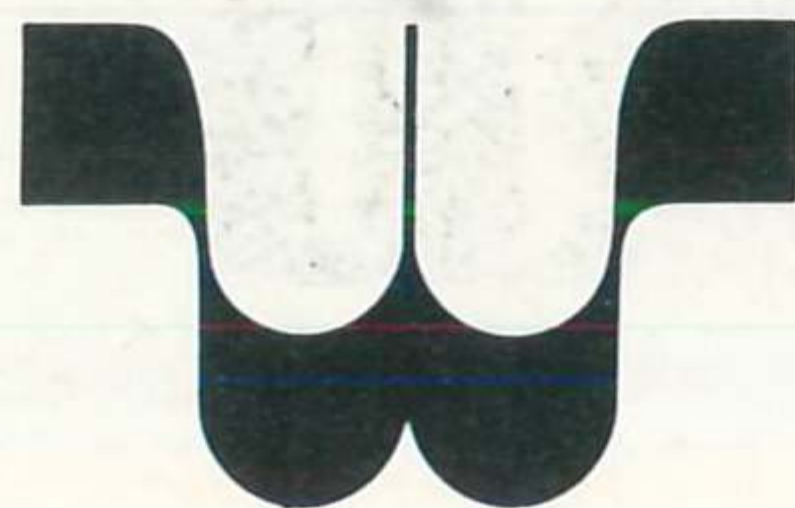
FOOTBALL LEAGUE appearances:

Bromley, B.	38	Butler D.	9
Cooper, C.	1	Davies, W.	34
Edwards, B.	36	Farrimond, S.	38
Fry, B.	3	Hartle, R.	41
Hatton, D.	41	Hill, F.	41
Hopkinson, E.	40	Hulme, J.	4
Lee, F.	38	Lennard, D.	6
Napier, R.	2	Redrobe, W.	1
Rimmer, W.	42	Russell, B.	3
Smith, A.	2	Taylor, G.	42

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	42	24	9	9	81	45	57
Northampton T.	42	20	16	6	66	50	56
Bolton Wanderers	42	20	10	12	80	58	50
Southampton	42	17	14	11	83	63	48
Ipswich Town	42	15	17	10	74	67	47
Norwich City	42	20	7	15	61	57	47
Crystal Palace	42	16	13	13	55	51	45
Huddersfield T.	42	17	10	15	53	51	44
Derby County	42	16	11	15	84	79	43
Coventry City	42	17	9	16	72	70	43
Manchester City	42	16	9	17	63	62	41
Preston N.E.	42	14	13	15	76	81	41
Cardiff City	42	13	14	15	64	57	40
Rotherham Utd	42	14	12	16	70	69	40
Plymouth Argyle	42	16	8	18	63	79	40
Bury	42	14	10	18	60	66	38
Middlesbrough	42	13	9	20	70	76	35
Charlton Athletic	42	13	9	20	64	75	35
Leyton O	42	12	11	19	50	72	35
Portsmouth	42	12	10	20	56	77	34
Swindon Town	42	14	5	23	63	81	33
Swansea	42	11	10	21	62	84	32

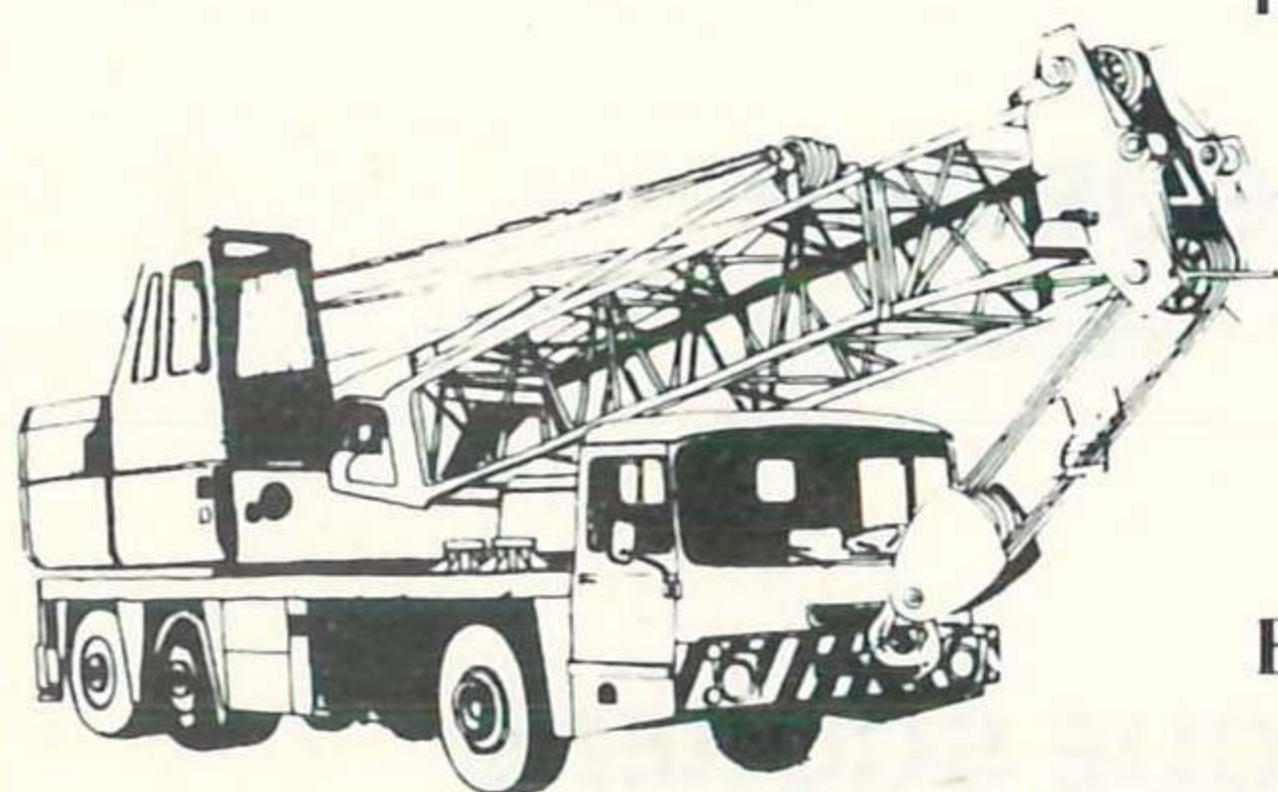
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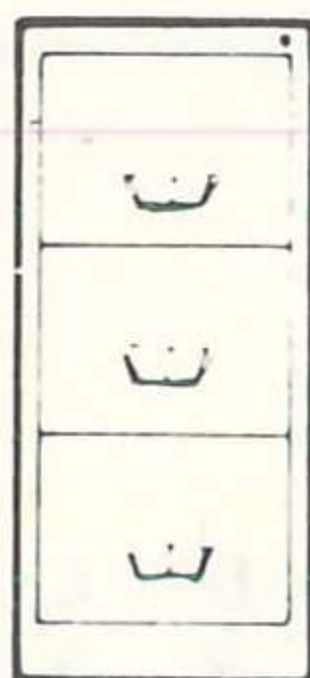
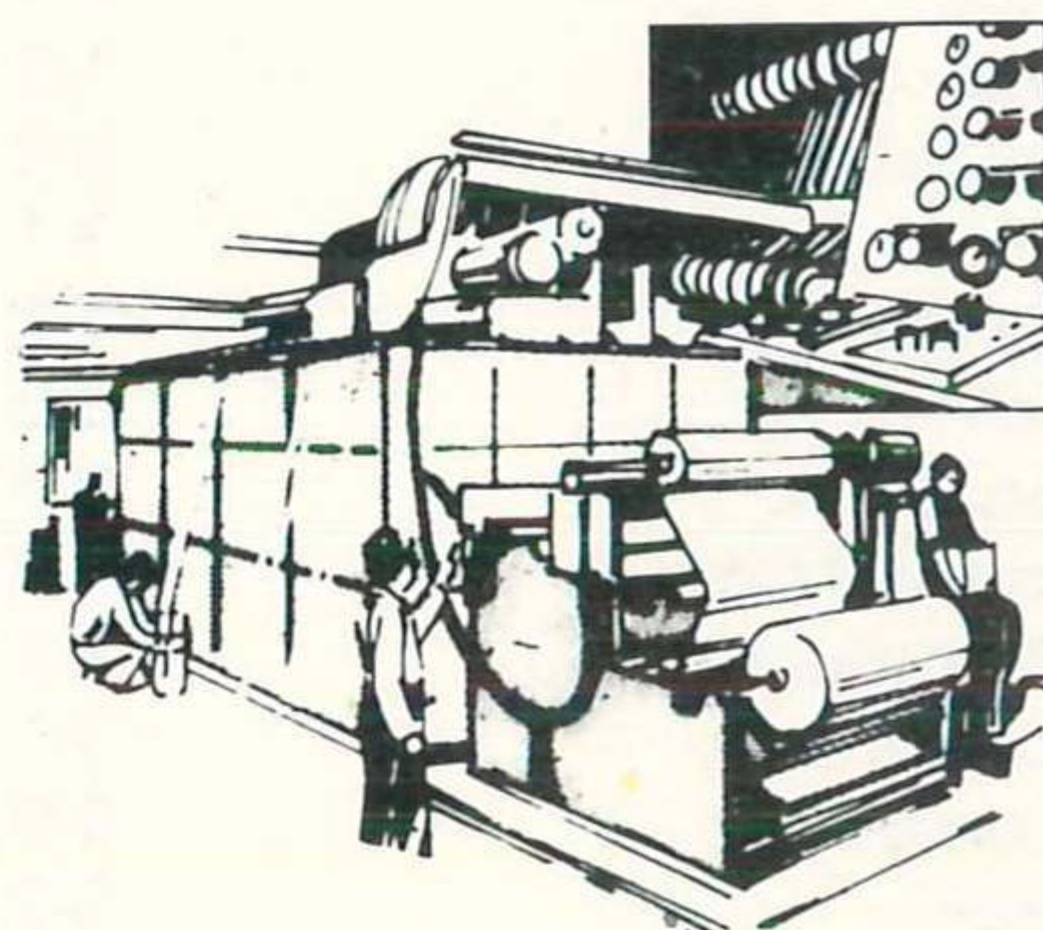
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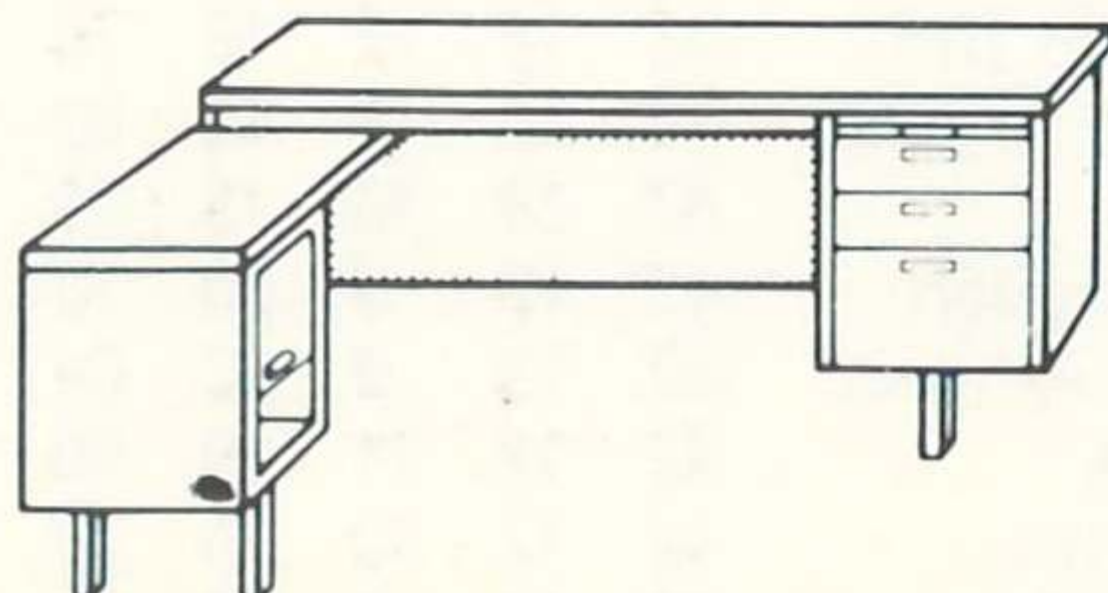
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Jeff Chandler slips past this tackle from Billy Gilbert in last week's scoreless draw with Crystal Palace.



Wayne Foster was only inches away with this left foot shot late in the Palace game.



Palace defenders collide as Paul Jones and Tony Henry move in for a cross.

Burnden Park NEWS

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Juveniles	£2.10	£33.50	£37.75

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Senior Citizens		£18.00	£20.00

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Tony Henry fails to add to his 10 goal tally with this shot against Wrexham.

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1981/82	Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	Chelsea	16,606	0	2	McDonagh	Nicholson	Brennan	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Thompson	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Nikolic
Sept	LC1 (1L) Oldham	5,156	2	1	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
1	Luton Town	6,911	1	2	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
12	Barnsley	13,844	0	3	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Nikolic	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
15	LC1 (2L) Oldham	4,779	2	4	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	Brennan	Jones	Gowling	Nikolic	Kidd	Hoggan	Thompson	Carter	Berry
19	Oldham Athletic	7,222	0	2	McDonagh	Henry	Bennett	Brennan	Jones	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Carter	Nicholson
23	Derby County	12,066	2	0	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Carter	Nicholson
26	Rotherham United	6,998	0	2	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Hebbard	Carter
29	Newcastle United	6,429	1	0	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Carter	Hoggan	Cantello	Hebbard	Foster
Oct.	Grimsby Town	7,217	1	2	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Carter	Hoggan	Cantello	Hebbard	Thomas
10	Leicester City	7,361	0	3	McDonagh	Bennett	Brennan	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Thompson	Cantello	Hebbard	Thomas
17	Cardiff City	3,879	1	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Brennan	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Thompson	Cantello	Hebbard	Hoggan
24	Cambridge United	5,751	3	4	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Thompson	Hoggan	Bennett	Foster
31	Watford	12,991	0	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Thompson	Thomas
Nov	Shrewsbury Town	7,066	2	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Thompson	Foster
14	Orient	4,062	0	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Thompson	Foster
21	Luton Town	5,737	1	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bailey	Henry	McElhinney	McElhinney	Chandler	Thompson	Carter	Cantello	Hoggan	Foster
24	Crystal Palace	8,889	0	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bailey	Henry	McElhinney	McElhinney	Chandler	Thompson	Carter	Cantello	Hoggan	Foster
28	Queens Park Rangers	8,839	0	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bailey	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Foster	Carter	Cantello	Hoggan	Thompson
Dec	Charlton Athletic	6,076	1	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bailey	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Foster	Carter	Cantello	Hoggan	Thompson
5	Blackburn Rovers	5,085	2	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bailey	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Foster	Carter	Cantello	Hoggan	Thompson
19	Derby County (FAC3)	16,577	2	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	McElhinney	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Hoggan	Thompson
28	Chelsea	9,534	3	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	McElhinney	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Thompson
Jan	Crystal Palace (FAC4)	7,278	2	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	McElhinney	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Thompson
2	Oldham Athletic	9,271	1	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	McElhinney	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Thompson
16	Newcastle United	14,361	0	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Taylor
Feb	Barnsley	11,680	2	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Hoggan	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Hoggan
23	Sheffield Wednesday	16,555	1	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Hoggan
30	Rotherham United	9,466	0	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Hoggan
6	Leicester City	10,678	0	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Carter
16	Cardiff City (6)	6,525	1	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Berry
20	Wrexham	6,269	1	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Hoggan
27	Cambridge United (LCF)	3,202	1	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Langley
Mar	Grimsby Town	3,430	1	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Nicholson	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Langley
6	Norwich City	6,199	0	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Nicholson
9	Shrewsbury Town (SF)	12,937	0	3	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Nicholson
13	Wrexham	5,833	1	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Langley
20	Watford	6,221	2	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Berry
27	Blackburn Rovers	11,912	2	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Langley
12	Orient	2,851	0	3	McDonagh	Berry	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Berry
17	Crystal Palace	3,379	0	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Langley
24	Charlton Athletic	10,002	1	7	McDonagh	McElhinney	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Hoggan
28	Queens Park Rangers	5,226	3	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Foster	Gowling	Cantello	Thompson	Hoggan
May	Derby County															
4	Sheffield Wednesday															
8																

STATISTICS

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Wednesday 5th May 1982)

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Luton Town	38	15	2	2	44	16	38	7	10	2	33	24	78
Watford	40	12	6	2	43	15	40	10	5	5	28	23	77
Norwich City	40	13	3	4	39	19	40	8	2	10	22	29	68
Sheffield Wednesday	40	9	8	3	29	22	40	10	2	8	23	25	67
Queens Park Rangers	39	14	4	2	38	8	39	6	2	11	23	28	66
Leicester City	38	12	4	3	30	17	38	7	6	6	24	23	65
Rotherham United	40	12	5	3	38	18	40	7	2	11	22	32	64
Barnsley	40	12	4	4	30	14	40	6	5	9	25	26	63
Blackburn Rovers	40	11	3	6	25	14	40	5	7	8	20	24	58
Chelsea	40	10	5	5	36	28	40	5	6	9	22	29	56
Newcastle United	40	13	4	3	26	12	40	3	4	13	20	35	56
Oldham Athletic	40	9	8	3	27	22	40	5	5	10	19	28	55
Charlton Athletic	41	11	5	5	33	22	41	2	7	11	17	39	51
Cambridge United	40	10	4	6	27	19	40	2	5	13	16	32	45
Derby County	40	8	8	4	29	21	40	3	3	14	20	44	44
Grimsby Town	39	5	8	7	29	29	39	5	5	9	22	32	43
Bolton Wanderers	40	9	4	7	25	23	40	3	3	15	11	37	43
Crystal Palace	39	8	2	9	22	23	39	3	7	10	8	19	42
Shrewsbury Town	40	9	6	5	24	19	40	1	6	13	11	38	42
Wrexham	39	8	4	8	19	20	39	2	7	10	15	28	41
Cardiff City	39	9	2	8	26	28	39	2	6	12	16	29	41
Orient	39	5	8	6	20	21	39	4	1	15	13	35	36

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday 1st May 1981)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	41	30	3	8	98	31	63
Liverpool	39	27	8	4	82	29	62
Nottingham F.	39	22	10	7	97	31	54
Aston Villa	37	20	7	10	83	44	47
West Brom. A.	38	16	12	10	51	39	44
Wolves	36	18	8	10	75	56	44
Newcastle Utd.	39	16	10	13	56	56	42
Manchester U.	39	17	7	15	55	40	41
Derby County	38	17	6	15	55	52	40
Sheffield Utd.	37	14	12	11	43	38	40
Coventry City	38	14	10	14	46	54	38
Leeds United	39	16	5	18	49	49	37
Sheffield Wed.	39	16	5	18	66	72	37
Stoke City	38	10	13	15	42	54	33
Manchester C.	39	12	9	18	41	65	33
Bury	36	12	8	16	42	60	32
Blackburn R.	39	9	14	16	52	74	32
Preston N.E.	38	12	7	19	57	73	31
Blackpool	37	10	7	20	44	77	27
Huddersfield T.	39	11	5	23	41	79	27
Burnley	36	4	10	22	32	81	18
Bolton W.	39	5	8	26	48	103	18

TODAYS REFEREE

BAKER, KENNETH W. (Rugby). Commenced refereeing in 1959. Was appointed to the Football League line in 1967 and has been on the full list for several years. Linesman in the Northern Ireland v Wales match (1975), also the Fulham v Birmingham City F.A. Cup Semi-Final Replay. In 1977 was linesman for the Charity Shield match between Manchester United and Liverpool and refereed the F.A. Trophy Final in 1980. Married, with four children, he is Security and Services Executive at the National Exhibition centre. For 12 years he served with the Metropolitan and Warwickshire Police Forces rising to a Detective Inspector. Is President of the Rugby and District Referees' Association and Chairman of both the Rugby and District Junior League, and the Football League Referees' and Linesmen's Association (Midlands Section). Plays tennis for the local police team.



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G. Aplin (Kendal) — Red Flag
F. Gethin (Wirral) — Yellow Flag

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1981-82	CENTRAL LEAGUE			F	A
Aug.	29	1	5	0	4
Sept.	1	5	8	0	6
	12	19	12	1	6
	19	26	19	0	3
Oct.	3	9	17	1	4
	24	31	7	1	3
Nov.	10	14	17	1	2
	21	24	28	2	1
Dec.	2	5	10	1	1
1982	5	12	16	3	4
Jan.	12	19	30	0	4
	6	13	17	3	1
Feb.	13	20	27	0	4
	20	27	6	1	1
Mar.	13	20	23	0	4
	27	10	17	0	1
Apr.	17	24	1	0	5
May	1	5	8	3	3

CENTRAL LEAGUE			F	A
EVERTON	Coventry City	Nottingham Forest	0	4
Liverpool	BLACKBURN R.	MANCHESTER CITY	1	6
NEWCASTLE UTD.	Leeds United	Sheffield Utd.	0	3
BURNLEY	Stoke City	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	1	4
Sheffield Wed.	COVENTRY CITY	NOTTINGHAM F.	2	4
Derby County	DERBY COUNTY	BLACKPOOL	0	1
Aston Villa	West Brom. A.	HUDDERSFIELD T.	3	0
		MANCHESTER UTD.	0	0
		Blackburn R.	1	1
		NEWCASTLE UTD.	1	1
		Leeds United	2	3
		Manchester City	0	2
		SHEFFIELD UTD.	1	1
		Bury	2	1
		WEST BROM. A.	0	4
		Preston N. E.	3	4
		BURNLEY	0	1
		Stoke City	0	1
		Manchester Utd.	0	5
		SHEFFIELD WED.	2	3
		LIVERPOOL	2	0
		Derby County	3	5
		ASTON VILLA	2	3
		Blackpool	1	1
		Wolverhampton W.	5	3
		LEEDS UNITED	3	3

Team Check

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Mike Bennett
- 4 Tony Henry
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Mike Doyle
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Dave Hoggan
- 9 Alan Gowling
- 10 Peter Reid
- 11 Chris Thompson
- 12

Sheffield Wednesday

- 1 Bob Bolder
- 2 Ray Blackhall
- 3 Charlie Williamson
- 4 Mark Smith
- 5 Peter Shirtliff
- 6 Kevin Taylor
- 7 Garry Megson
- 8 Gary Shelton
- 9 Gary Bannister
- 10 Andy McCulloch
- 11 Terry Curran
- 12

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	BIRMINGHAM CITY LIVERPOOL		
B	BRIGHTON & HOVE A. IPSWICH TOWN		
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D	MANCHESTER CITY COVENTRY CITY		
E	MIDDLESBROUGH ARSENAL		
F	NOTTINGHAM FOREST SWANSEA CITY		
G	SOUTHAMPTON SUNDERLAND		
H	STOKE CITY NOTTS COUNTY		
I	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR LEEDS UNITED		
J	WEST BROMWICH A. ASTON VILLA		
K	WEST HAM UNITED MANCHESTER UNITED		
L	BARNLEY QUEENS PARK RANGERS		
M	CAMBRIDGE UNITED CHARLTON ATHLETIC		
N	CARDIFF CITY CRYSTAL PALACE		
O	CHELSEA LUTON TOWN		
P	NEWCASTLE UNITED WREXHAM		
Q	NORWICH CITY ORIENT		
R	OLDHAM ATHLETIC DERBY COUNTY		
S	ROTHERHAM UNITED BLACKBURN ROVERS		
T	SHREWSBURY TOWN GRIMSBY TOWN		
U	WATFORD LEICESTER CITY		
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W	HULL CITY ROCHDALE		
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